Breckenridge Co. Ky. Nov. 29th 1849

Dear Brother,

I am finally "settled down" again in life. I have only six scholars at present, but expect to have some more. Mr Washington seems to be an honorable man I am very well pleased thus far. I am 50 miles from Louisville & 12 miles from the Ohio river. I enjoy myself first-rate. Have a horse to ride when & where I wish. The nearest Church is 3 miles & another about 6 miles. The people here are the real old fashioned Methodists, yelling like hounds.

When I was in Louisville I saw the Kentucky giant, James Porter. He is 7 ft 8 inches in height, but not stronger than ordinary men. He made me think of what Jo Robbins said of Haskell: he was so tall that he had to stoop to hear it thunder.

I spoke of Ben Hardin in my last dated & mailed at Frankfort. If you have read Cowdrey's almanac you will recollect him as an illustrious hero. On the first day of the Convention he made a speech that showed somewhat the peculiar character of the man.

He did not get into the convention till the best seats had been chosen by the other members walking up & down the hall two or three times he finally stopped in front of the Speaker & said "Foxes have holes & birds of the air have nests, but Old Ben has not where to spat himself." He is old & white-headed, but his mind is as strong as ever.

To-day is Thanksgiving Day, but I have kept school because I have few scholars & the weather so bad that I could not ride about if I had not kept. We had about half an inch of snow last night & it has been damp & cold to day, but it has been most delightful weather for five weeks past till within a day or two. I have not hunted any this fall. There are plenty of wild turkeys about here & a few deer. I shall give them "fits" one of these days.

In my last I directed you to send your letters to Clifton, Breckenridge Co, but I would rather you would send them to "Brandenburg" Ky. The mail to "Clifton" is very irregular & uncertain, but if you direct to "Brandenburg" I shall be more likely to get yours & get them quicker too. I also wrote to the "Galaxy" to have them send it "Clifton" but I wish you would go into the Printing Office & tell them to direct my papers to "Brandenburg." It is

40 miles below Louisville on the Ohio.

I have no news of course to write. If you have not written when you get this do you be at it. & if you have written you may write again. Tell Julia to write if you can't. Give all the news &c. My love to all & tell them to keep up good spirits

your affectionate brother
Steve

P. S. Recollect to write soon & direct to "Brandenburg, Ky".